

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Hensley/Amos Farm Survey Number: WO-463

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Hensley/Amos Farm is located on the east side of US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) approximately four miles north of Snow Hill in Worcester County, MD. The property, which includes 31 acres of cultivated farmland, contains a frame dwelling, a frame office, two frame barns, a concrete block silo, a concrete block garage and shed. The property is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed ca. 1900, the dwelling is a 2-1/2-story frame building with an L-shaped plan and a cross gable roof. It is a representative example of a rural dwelling form with vernacular Queen Anne detailing such as the diamond-paned window and corbelled chimney caps. Six contributing domestic outbuildings and associated agricultural buildings are located east of the main house and stand in deteriorating condition. A large concrete block barn, built in the early to mid-20th century, is characterized by its gambrel roof and attached silo and forms the focus of the agricultural buildings. The buildings forming the Hensley/Amos Farm lack the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify them for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. As a complex, the farm is representative of the small, late-19th to early 20th-century farmsteads in Worcester County. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Margaret A. Bishop/Architectural Historian KCI Technologies, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 13, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable
 March 27, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian | 10000-7500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic | 7500-6000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic | 6000-4000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic | 4000-2000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland | 2000-500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland | 500 B.C. - A.D. 900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic | A.D. 900-1600 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement | A.D. 1570-1750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demographic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaptation |

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: Rural

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| Historic Function(s) | and | Use(s): | <u>Domestic/single dwelling;</u> |
| <u>Agriculture/Subsistence/barn</u> | | | |

Known Design Source: _____

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Hensley/Amos Farm
Worcester County

Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Resource Type:

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| Category: | Buildings |
| Historic Environment: | Rural |
| Historic Functions: | Single-family farm dwelling; Agricultural storage; Animal facility |
| Known Design Source: | None |

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-463

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hensley / Amos Farm

2. Location

street & number 6144 Worcester Highway ___ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

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| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank Leo Hensley & Margaret Dean Amos

street & number P.O. Box 14 telephone no.:

city, town Newark state and zip code MD 21841-0014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

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7. Description

Survey No. W0-463

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| Condition | | Check one | | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| Specific dates | Unknown | Builder/Architect | Unknown |
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WO-463

See Continuation

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 31

Quadrangle name Public Landing, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Hensley/Amos Farm, located on the east side of US 113 approximately four miles north of Snow Hill, contains a frame dwelling, frame office, two frame barns, cinder block silo, cinder block garage, and a cinder block shed. Most of the 31-acre parcel is planted in corn. A dirt drive leads from US 113 to the building complex, approximately 500 feet east of the highway.

Constructed circa 1900, the two-and-one-half story, cross-plan, frame dwelling, clad with blue asbestos shingles over weatherboard, sits on a brick foundation. An asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with closed pediments in the north, west, and south gable ends covers the dwelling. Corbelled brick chimneys are located on the east, south, and west ridges. Windows throughout the building consist predominantly of one-over-one double-hung wood sash, with a smaller number of two-over-two and six-over-six double-hung sash. A one-story wrap-around porch covers the southwest corner of the dwelling. One-story enclosed porches are located in the northeast and southeast elbows of the house.

The west, or main, elevation includes a central door and a one-over-one window in the first story of the main block; an additional door leads into the west elevation of the cross-wing. The hipped-roof wrap-around porch with turned wood posts and brick pier foundation covers these bays. The second story includes two one-over-one double-hung wood sash. The west gable end contains a modified Palladian window, consisting of paired one-over-one sash topped with a semi-circular light.

The south elevation contains a centered one-over-one window in each of the first and second floors, and a small two-over-two window in the gable end. A diamond-shaped Queen Anne window is located in the first story of the main block. The enclosed porch in the southeast end of building contains paired modern casement windows and a central door. Two one-over-one windows light the second story of this wing.

A one-story shed-roof addition is appended to the east elevation. Clad in vertical wood siding and sitting on a brick foundation, the addition contains a central door in the east elevation. The main block of the dwelling includes a single window in both the first and second stories. A small two-over-two window lights the east gable end.

The hipped-roof enclosed porch in the northeast corner of the dwelling contains a door in the east elevation and a band of six six-over-six double-hung wood sash in the north elevation. The north elevation of the main block includes two windows in the second story of the northeast end, one window in both the first and second stories in the cross-wing, and one window in the both the first and second stories of the northwest end. A small two-over-two window lights the north gable end.

Contributing outbuildings on the parcel include six structures related to the agricultural history of the property. These buildings were most likely constructed in the early twentieth century, during the farm's period of significance.

A three-bay wide cinder block garage is located northwest of the dwelling. The one-story rectangular plan building has a gable roof over the two western bays, and a hipped roof over the eastern bay. A brick exterior chimney rises along the northwest corner of the building.

East of the garage stands a cinder block silo with a tin cap, a one-story cinder block shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof, and a one-story frame office with a gable roof. The office, clad in weatherboard, contains a two-over-two window in the west elevation, and a panel door in the four-foot deep extension to the south end.

A large, two-story gambrel-roof frame barn with a one-story side aisle stands at the northeast corner of the building complex. The wood-plank gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles and beginning to cave in. Clad with asphalt shingles over weatherboard, the barn sits on a concrete block and brick foundation.

A one-story frame barn is located at the southeast corner of the building complex. A standing-seam tin gable roof covers the central portion of the barn, clad with asphalt shingles and corrugated tin over weatherboard. Shed-roof side aisles are appended to the east and west elevations of the building.

The Hensley/Amos Farm is representative of a small, late-nineteenth to early-twentieth-century farmstead with good integrity of association, feeling, location, materials, and setting. Typical of Worcester County's agricultural climate at the turn of the century, this modest farm of 31 acres most likely grew feed corn, one of the county's largest crops (Touart 1994:165). The dwelling contains decorative elements of the Free Classic style, a combination of Queen Anne and Colonial Revival, evident in its pedimented gables, the Palladian-influenced window in the west gable end, and the simple turned columns of the porch. The agricultural outbuildings also demonstrate the changing materials and functions of turn-of-the-century farms, including the use of cinder blocks and the appearance of such early-twentieth-century buildings as a silo, tractor shed/garage, and an office.

The Hensley/Amos Farm is recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, association with historic events, specifically the continuing trend of agriculture in Worcester County during the first half of the twentieth century. The farm is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century farmstead that retains good integrity of association, feeling, location, materials, and setting.

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US ROUTE 113

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DWELLING

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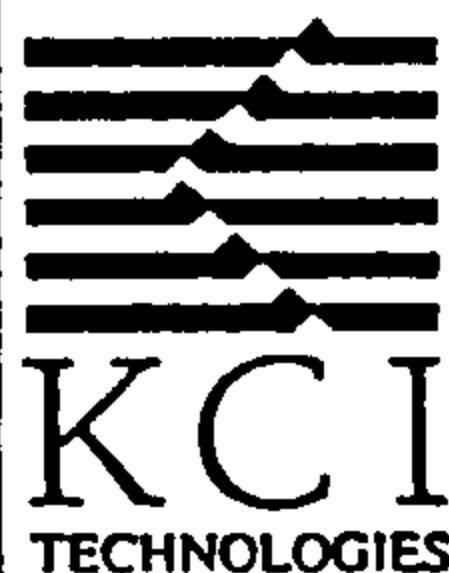
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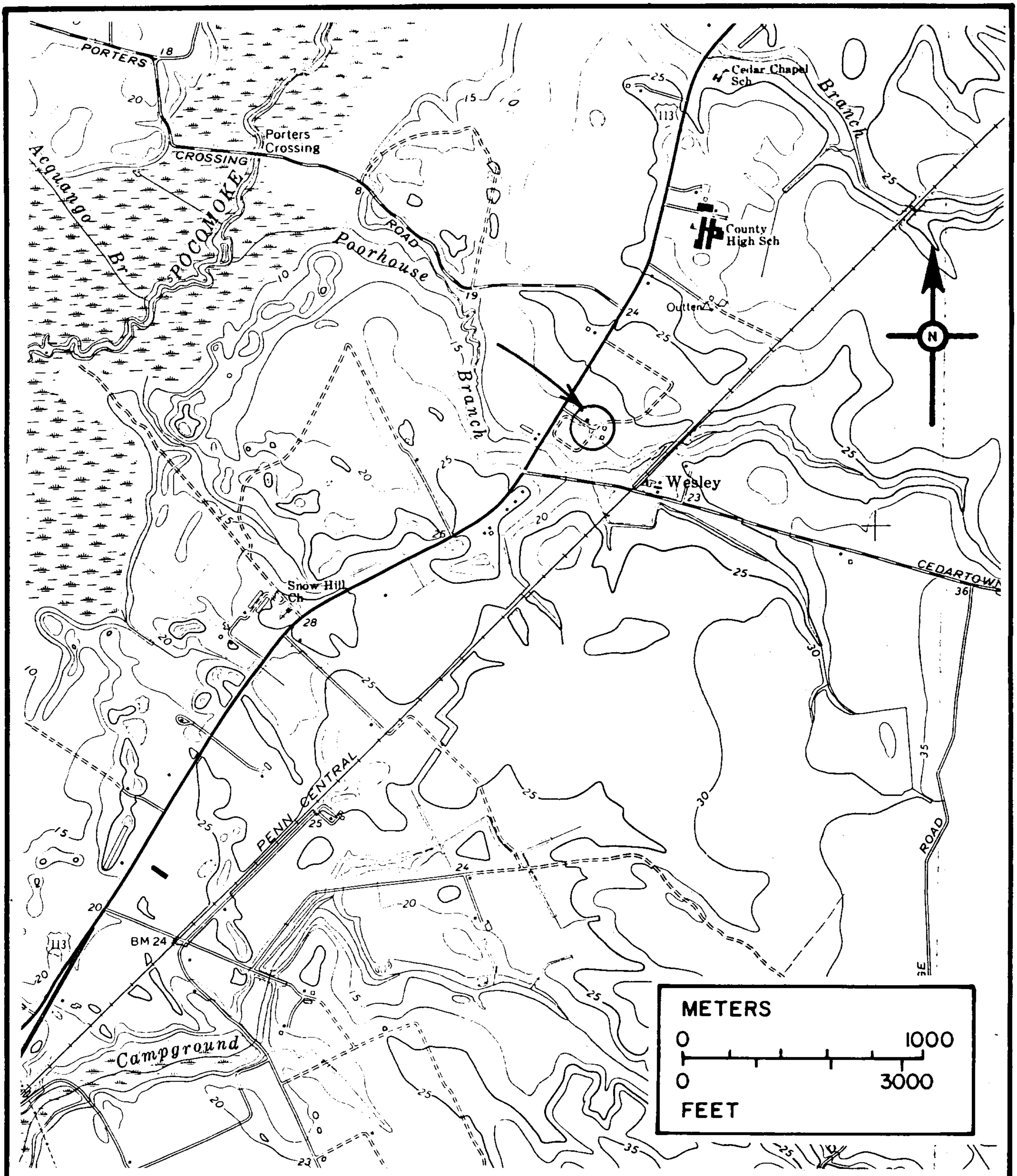
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Hensley/Amos Farm (KCI-2)
North of Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD
Public Landing, MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Public Landing, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)
Showing the Hensley/Amos Farm (KCI-2),
North of Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD.

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HENSLEY/AMOS FARM

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WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS - DWELLING

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HENSLEY/AMOS FARM

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WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS - OUTBUILDINGS

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